

# NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

**NAME:** Malcolm Scott Carpenter

**ORAL HISTORY:** 30 March 1998  
27 January 1999

### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, 1962  
Attended Colorado College as part of Navy V-5 Program (1943)

### **MILITARY CAREER:**

Navy V-5 Flight Training Program (1943-1945)  
St. Mary's Preflight School, Morago, California.  
Primary Flight Training, Ottumwa, Iowa  
United States Navy (1949)  
Flight Training, Corpus Christi, Texas and Pensacola, Florida  
Patrol Squadron 6, Korea  
Navy Test Pilot School, Patuxent River, Maryland (1954)  
Electronics Test Division, Naval Air Test Center (1954-1957)  
Navy General Line School & Navy Air Intelligence School (1957-1958)  
Air Intelligence Officer, USS *Hornet* (1958-1959)  
Retired as Commander (1969)

### **NASA CAREER:**

Space Task Group, Langley Field, Virginia  
Astronaut (1959-1964)  
Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas  
Executive Assistant to the Director (1964-1965)  
Chief, Advanced Programs Branch, Astronaut Office (1965-1967)  
Retired from NASA (1967)

### **POST-NASA CAREER:**

United States Navy Deep Sea Submergence Systems Project (DSSP) SEALAB II  
Training Officer; Officer-in-Charge of diving teams (1965)  
Assistant for Aquanaut Operations, SEALAB III (1967-1969)  
Owner, Scott Carpenter Man in the Sea Program (diving school), Key Largo, Florida  
Author

### **PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:**

- Member, Society of Experimental Test Pilots
- Member, American Society for Oceanography

- Member, Institute of Environmental Engineers
- Member, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
- Inductee, National Space Walk of Fame

**MISSIONS:**

Mercury-Atlas 7 (MA-7) (*Aurora 7*)

- Crew: M. Scott Carpenter
- Launched: 24 May 1962 at 7:45:16 A.M. EST from Cape Canaveral, FL
- Duration: 4 hours, 56 minutes, 5 seconds
- Landed: 24 May 1962 at 12:41 P.M. EST in the Atlantic Ocean
- Mission Highlights: Second manned orbital flight.

**AWARDS & CITATIONS:**

- U.S. Navy Distinguished Flying Cross
- U.S. Navy Astronaut Wings
- NASA Distinguished Service Medal
- University of Colorado Recognition Medal
- New York City Gold Medal of Honor

**SELECT PUBLICATIONS:**

Carpenter, Scott. The Steel Albatross. New York: Pocket Books, 1990.

Carpenter, M. Scott, L. Gordon Cooper, Jr., John H. Glenn, Jr., Virgil I. Grissom, Walter M. Schirra, Jr., Alan B. Shepard, Jr., and Donald K. Slayton. We Seven. New York: Simon Schuster, 1962.

Carpenter, M. Scott. "Man in Space and Man in the Sea." Astronautics and Aeronautics (April 1966): 32-35.

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M. Scott Carpenter, L. Gordon Cooper, Jr., John H. Glenn, Jr., Virgil I. Grissom, Walter M. Schirra, Jr., Alan B. Shepard, Jr., and Donald K. Slayton, We Seven (New York: Simon Schuster, 1962), 43-44.

Michael Cassutt, Who's Who in Space: The First 25 Years (Boston: G.K. Hall & Co., 1987).

M. Scott Carpenter, "Man in Space and Man in the Sea," Astronautics and Aeronautics (April 1966): 32-35.

M. Scott Carpenter, interview by Boulder Magazine, [Online], [Updated - Unknown], (Available: <http://www.bouldermag.com/summer97/carpenter.html>), [Viewed - 27 February 1998].

Dan Cragg, review of The Steel Albatross, by Scott Carpenter, in The Washington Post (2 January 1991): E2.

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